

Edinburgh 18/11/47 -

My dear Friend

I send with this the list of Contributions in the Edinburgh box which we hope will reach in safety by the Packet which is to sail from Liverpool on the 19th inst - at least they were sent from this in ample time to do so - I am sorry that the British Shaws do not do so well as there are some sent again - they are some of them not very clean or well draped and we thought of having them washed and nicely draped - but since learning that they don't sell so well and fearing they might be taxed heavily have just put them in in a rough way to make them look of little value - and as the box will we must be received sooner than last year

There will be time if you think
proper to do this - and a few of
the cotton knitted articles would
be greatly improved too some of
these were brought in at the very
last and had been left over a sale
held here last winter - -

There are also 3 or 4 old frocks sent
by a Lady who has in former years
as well as this given good new things
these have been sent merely as wrappings
instead of Paper or shawls to fill up -
and surely when the Customhouse
Officers see such worthless things
at the top they will be moderate
We did not know what value to
put on the auto graphs but one
person thought that some people
would give the price we have marked
on them for Clarksons & Chalmers
alone - we should much like
to know what they are valued

at with you - or whether it is worth
while sending any more - This is a
place where with a little enquiring
many distinguished Autographs
may be got if desirable -

The dolls are marked high, but if
the dress is examined great pains
have been taken with some of
them - The ship is contributed by a
young man who lives near Newcastle
he did not put any price upon it
but a Person acquainted with such
work said it was a beautiful model
and the work alone was worth a
good deal - we have said a good
deal less than he valued it at.

The knitted caps we tried to dispose of
here - since there are three sent - the
two largest are made by the daugh-
ter of Judge Marshalle formerly of
Nova Scotia - and might answer for
dress caps for a delicate little girl -
She also did the two finest beaded pin

cushions. — But whatever is not
so saleable if we are only told rather
earlier shall take care to avoid such
and do what you tell us do best.

Will J. S. Buckingham's "Invocation"
be in time for the Liberty Bell?

The confectins are a new spec-
ulation and should like to know
how they do — Please acknowledge
the things from Kirkaldy this year
as last it was said they had sent
£10 instead of work whereas it was
in addition to a good assortment
of pretty things — Ld R. Heilditch's
list is enclosed — The Welsh dolls
are from them for F Douglass so is
Wrexham Church — The Large Eng-
rings are just marked at the prices
given for them by the contributors
Mrs Ranton — We are very sorry the
amount is so much short of last
year — but it is from no falling off in
zeal — other causes can be assigned

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Must of our contributors have
been working for Local Bazaars
for charitable purposes - and had
got tired of so much of that kind of
work - and a considerable number
have been getting married within the
last few weeks - who will perhaps
be more at liberty to help another
time than they have been this
at any rate we feel none discen-
raged - and as we hear of contri-
butions going from some new
places in England we hope you
may yet realise the ten thou-
sand dollars you had set your
hearts upon -

Parliament meets tomorrow
and is anticipated with great
interest as the present has been
a most calamitous time to
this nation - There will have

read the cause our friend George
Thompson intends to pursue
I trust he will be spared & enabled
to follow it out. - What dost thou
think of the Free Labour Movement?
can it be depended on that the cotton
from which the goods are made
is free produce. - We are all willing
to use it here in preference if it be
so. - still that will take far too
long to abolish Slavery -

We have been hoping to receive
tidings from America before
sending this off, but dare wait
no longer - we hope to hear that
dear W. L. Garrison keeps better
and able for his labours again
There is a note enclosed for Adm
Ballou - which I will thank thee
to forward to him not knowing
his address - and if any thing -

is coming to Scotland this year
the books ordered from him might
come along with or in the parcel
or direct either to Edinburgh or
Glasgow - we will gladly
pay the carriage and forward
any that may be enclosed for
other places - as it takes a long
time before we can get any
thing from either Dublin or
Bristol. -

I have been busy in attending to
the receipt of thy last very accept-
able letter - and can deeply sym-
pathize with thee in the feelings
under which it was written
having been called up on to pass
through similar severe trials
during the past year, and at
present to suffer with & for many
dear friends who have most

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unexpectantly been plunged into pe-
cuniary difficulties by failures
of Banks and joint stock com-
panies - reduced from security of
affluence as they believed - & with-
out any dishonest intention on
their part. - to great straits -
and so frequently are we hearing
of such things that no one knows
what is to happen next or what
is to escape in the general con-
juncture. -

Our dear Eliza has had to go to Ox-
ford before this to spend the winter
with her Sister Mary Edmunds
but she & I am sure unites with
me in kindest regards to the
and all fellow labourers - and
in ardent wishes for the success
of the ensuing Bazaar and all
other means that endeavored to pro-
mote the cause for which we labor
& pray - I am thy affectionate friend
Jane Wigham -